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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/206,637, filed December 7, 1998. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Preliminary Amendment

NOW U.S. PATENT 6,194,762 B1

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert -- This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/206,637, filed December 7, 1998 (allowed), which is a continuation of U.S. application serial No. 08/795,257, filed February 10, 1997 (U.S. Patent No. 5,864,151) --

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on February 10, 1997 at Reel/Frame 8491/0264.

Priority is claimed under 35 USC §119 based on priority application serial number 8-48272, filed February 9, 1996, in Japan.

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| Fee for multiple dependent claims | \$270 |
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